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Ben A. Wopat

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Ben A. Wopat is currently serving as chief, Construction-Operations Division. He is also continuing to fulfill many of the duties of his permanent position as assistant chief, Construction-Operations Division; a position he has held since 1999.

Wopat began his career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in April 1976, when he joined the staff of the St. Paul District Regulatory Branch. In 1981, he was selected to lead the district's Emergency Management Division. He returned to the Regulatory Branch and served as its chief until 1999, when he became the assistant chief, Construction-Operations Division. Wopat also served as the deputy district commander in Spring 2001, following the reassignment of the military deputy.

Wopat received a Bachelor of Science degree in political science and history in 1970 from the University of Wisconsin – Platteville; a Masters of Science degree in history in 1971 from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee; and a Jurist Doctorate in 1977 from the William Mitchell College of Law – St. Paul, Minn.

Prior to joining the Corps, Wopat worked for Hartford Insurance Company as a claims representative from 1971-1973; with the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry/Workman's Compensation Bureau in 1973; and the Minnesota Department of Revenue/Inheritance and Gift Tax Division from 1974-1976.